Sir, if any extreme necessity arises forcing us to find out ways and means for increased expenditure, of course we shoul find out more money. But the necessity has not arisen for effecting savings in the expenditure under any separate item. To keep pace with the progressive administration we are having more revenue by industrialisation and other means. Next year we are having Rs. 7 lakhs under Electricity. The Cochin Government has set apart Rs. 3 lakhs for the energy to be supplied to them by this Government. The Aluminium Factory will fetch another Rs. 2½ lakhs. When we are tapping new sources of revenue without resorting to fresh taxation, for keeping pace with our increased expenditure, why should these old men, on retirement, after having exhausted all their energies in the service of Government, be asked to go away without any pension and be compelled to be a burden to themselves and to the society?

Sir, my time is up and though I should like to say something more on the relative merits of the pension system and the institution of a gratuity or provident fund for the future recruits to service, which the Honourable member has said, is the essence of his proposition, I shall conclude by just referring one more point, a point which appreciably affects the expenditure on account of pension. I am referring to the recent orders of our Dewan-President regarding the reduction of the scale of pay of 30 of the highest appointments in service from Rs. 500-700 to Rs. 400-700. This revision will manifestly effect a saving of Rs. 36,000 per annum in the expenditure under salaries. But what is more, a corresponding saving will be effected in the pension charges also; for it is only very few who will go into the scale except at the fag end of their service and even of these few, the number of officers who may be able to run up the scale beyond one or two increments will be still smaller. Thus has our Dewan-President with one wise stroke brought down two birds. I have been stressing this point at some length to show the House that while on the one hand, Government are taking all possible steps to augment their resources without hitting the tax-payer hard, they are on the other hand, never tardy or slow to recognize and adopt, consistently with the requirements of an efficient and contented staff, all possible means for reducing the expenditure on the administration.

In view of what I have said and of the fact that Government themselves are fully alive to the situation, I trust Honourable Member Mr. Kochukoratharakan will not press the motion.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKURA THARAKAN: സമയം കുറവാകയാൽ ഞാൻ തൽക്കാലം ഒന്നും പറയുന്നില്ല.

REASSIGNMENT OF PUDUVAL LANDS.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: *"This Assembly recommends to Government that necessary provisions and rules be made for the resumption of assigned puduval lands left fallow and for their re-assignment to landless cultivators".*

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[Mr. K. R. Narayanan]

സർ, പുതുവൽ ഭൂമി ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാർ ആരെങ്കിലും അവരുടെ വക ഭൂമി കൃഷിചെയ്യാതെ ഇട്ടിരിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ആ ഭൂമി കൃഷിക്കു ഭൂമിയില്ലാത്ത കർഷകർക്കു പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള പ്രമേയം ഞാൻ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

PRESIDENT: Order order. The house will adjourn *sine die*.

The House adjourned at 5 P. M.

V. S. ARUMUKHUAM PILLAI,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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